

Northampton Police Building & Site Committee
April 2, 2008

Members Present: Co Chairs Chief Russell Sienkiewicz, Robert Ostberg. Committee members Captain Joseph Koncas, Lt. Scott Savino, Juanita Forsythe, David Pomerantz, Councilor David Murphy, Susan Maguire and Jeanne Hoose. Late arrivals were John Hite (4:32 p.m.) and Anthony Patillo (4:54 p.m.).

Also Present: Ray Kinghorn (Pinnacle One), Curtis Edgin (Caolo & Bieniek Associates, Inc.) and Maryann Rocha. Late arrival was Captain Millan from NFD (4:54 p.m.).

Not attending with regrets were Councilor David Narkewicz and Officer Allard.

Place: Northampton Senior Center conference room, 67 Conz Street

Start time: 4:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Robert Ostberg called meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

2. Approval of minutes from December meeting and March 12, 2008

Dave Pomerantz moved for a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting as are. Joe Koncas seconded the motion. Co-Chair Ostberg called for a vote and the Motion carried unanimously. After some discussion it was agreed upon by the committee members to edit and present a new copy of the minutes from the March 12th meeting to the committee at the next meeting.

3. Update on CMAR process & RFQ

Joe Koncas discussed that certain language had not been deleted from the state procurement system which resulted in a lot of phone calls. As a result, 12 packages went out, not a tremendous response, but some. The pre-qualification committee set up a date to meet and review the packages, the date is April 14th at 10 a.m. The Building Committee members set up its next meeting for April 16th at 4:30 p.m.

4. Update from Curt Edgin

Busy revising the floor plans in response to comments from staff and in general. Only exterior problem that may affect the interior plan is the amount of glass. David Murphy suggested that Curt show the plans to OPD staff asking where the vulnerabilities are in these plans? Signing off on the exterior plans does not predispose the exterior plans. Curt said he has had no contact with the planning department yet. Waiting for the DPW to make a decision about the sewer pipe, whether to line it or replace it. Issue of the parking garage- we're moving forward. State court rep still has some worries about their parking spaces. Still need to know about delivery services (trash pick-ups/drop off) for the station and/or surrounding businesses, this may affect the design of the building.

Captain Millan's only concern at this time was the department's evacuation plan. He was satisfied with the department's current evacuation plan as well as their back-up plan.

5. Discussion

Co-Chair Sienkiewicz feels that there are no consequential things to present to the public at this time. Jeanne Hoose suggested that once the CMAR is decided, have a press release about the interior plans and that they're in place, etc. Co-Chair Sienkiewicz asked Jeanne to write an outline for committee approval for a future press release as to where we currently are with the plans.

John Hite added that he did some research on what the citizens of Amherst were concerned about when the Amherst Police station was being built. One was cost, second was what did the building look like from every angle and third was, if a member of the public were to walk in, how are they going to be treated, is a victim treated privately away from the general public. A person posed a question to John that if going to the police station after hours, how would that person get to the main entrance from the parking garage. Curt has not addressed that situation yet.

Co-Chair Sienkiewicz made a motion that the Committee adjourn its meeting. Dave Pomerantz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.